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FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

## PRESCOTT CHARTER TO BE GRILLED IN COURT

**Council Appoints Robert Robbins Chief Of Police, Which Starts Procedure; Other Officials Appointed.**

(From Tuesday's Daily)

City clerk, J. M. Aitken; city recorder, J. M. Aitken; city assessor and tax collector, F. H. Williams; city treasurer, C. A. Peter; city health officer, Dr. H. T. Southworth; city engineer, E. J. Mitchell; city attorney, J. William Waara; chief of police, Robert Robbins; foreman of water department, Newton Morrell; sealer of weights and measures, M. Ferguson.

### Lawsuit Brewing.

Above are the names of the subordinate city officials appointed last night by Mayor Timmerhoff and unanimously confirmed by the re-organized city council, all but the city treasurer and chief of police being simply re-appointments of those who already held the positions set opposite their names. The mayor stated in making the appointment of Mr. Peter as treasurer and Dr. Southworth as health officer that they were to serve without pay, and paid a compliment to C. K. Scholey, who has served the past two terms as treasurer, for his efficiency. The salary of Mr. Scholey has been fifty dollars per month, and the substitution of Mr. Peter practically turns the treasurer-ship over to the Bank of Arizona.

The appointment and confirmation of Mr. Robbins as chief of police means a lawsuit for Prescott. This was made evident when Attorneys R. E. Morrison and E. S. Clark, for F. H. Heisler, who has been chief for the past term, interposed an objection to the confirmation of Robbins as a basis, as they stated, of testing the matter in the courts, if the confirmation was made. The attorneys stated that they had made a study of the city charter and statutes on the subject and that it was plain to them that the office of chief of police was an elective one and that the mayor and council had no authority whatever to fill it by appointment, that F. H. Heisler, under the law, must hold the office to which he was elected until a successor had been duly elected and qualified.

They stated that they came to the council for the purpose of giving it an opportunity to avoid legal proceedings on the subject if they so desired, and so it could not be said they had waited until the alleged illegal action had been taken to commence proceedings. Mr. Morrison stated that for the past quarter century the people of Prescott had had the opportunity of electing their chief of police, and if the office was an appointive one for all this period of

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## Abolition Of State Tax Commission Is Latest Proposal Of Legislators

PHOENIX, Feb. 1.—Morning sessions in senate and house were short and sweet today. One bill was introduced in each, and early adjournments accomplished to enable the committees to attack the bills now before them. The house members devoted the entire day to this pursuit, having adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

In the senate chief interest centered in the introduction by Senator Stapley (Maricopa) of a bill designed to do away with the tax commission and concentrate the powers and duties of that board in the corporation commission and creating a board of equalization consisting of the state treasurer, the state auditor and the chairman of the corporation commission.

The bill which takes the title "Senate Bill No. 48" re-enacts the tax laws of the state, and its purpose is fully set forth in the title which provides that it is "an act to prescribe and revise the method and manner of supervision and control of the valuation, assessment and equalization of taxation of property throughout the state; to enlarge the powers of the corporation commission, and of the several members thereof, and to prescribe new powers and to ex-

tend their respective duties, giving the corporation commission and its members powers of supervision and control over assessments and taxation, over county assessors, over other assessing officials, over boards of supervisors, over the boards of equalization, over all other boards of assessment and levy."

As to all matters relating to the valuation of property for taxation purposes; as to its assessment, and as to the equalization of taxes thereon; to give the corporation commission powers to assess certain property franchises, and intangible assets of public service corporations, and like powers relative to productive mine and mining properties; to create a state board of equalization which shall consist of the chairman of the corporation commission, and state auditor, and the state treasurer, and defining its powers and duties.

To prescribe penalties and forfeitures for violation of provisions of this act by officers and persons.

To repeal Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the revised statutes of Arizona, 1913, Civil Code, and being paragraphs numbered 4820 to 4833 both inclusive, entitled, "State Tax Commission."

To repeal Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1913 Civil Code being paragraphs number-

ed 4834 to 4838 both inclusive, entitled "State Board of Equalization."

To abolish the state tax commission, and the officers and tenures of office of the members thereof; to abolish the state board of equalization, and the officers and tenures of the members thereof, as prior heretofore existent.

To repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent or in conflict with this act.

The introduction of this bill was received with much interest and upon the request of Senator Webb (Maricopa) it was ordered printed without the usual day's hang over. It is a measure which is certain to produce fervid debate when it comes up for consideration, but the indications are that it will pass the upper house.

### Bureau of Mines.

Sheldon Reed (Pima) occupied the limelight for an instant to introduce House Bill No. 53 which provides for the establishment of a State Bureau of Mines. Under the terms of this measure the bureau will be under the direction of the board of regents of the University of Arizona, serving without compensation. The board shall appoint a director of the bureau who must be a mining engineer, and such assistants and employees as the board shall deem necessary.

## DELEGATES NEXT CONVENTION BY NEW PLAN

**BASIS OF REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATION IS DIFFERENT THAN IN PAST YEARS**

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—A new plan of representation in the next republican national convention was announced today by James B. Reynolds, secretary of the republican national committee. It provides each state shall have four delegates at large and two additional at large for each congressman at large; one delegate for each congressional district and one delegate for each district where the republican vote for congressman was 7,500. The new plan was approved by states representing 290 electoral votes, 25 more than were necessary.

## REVENUE DEFICIT EIGHT MILLION IN JANUARY

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—Revenues collected by the government in January failed by \$8,116,000 to meet the month's disbursements. The receipts were unusually low for this time of the year. Last January the excess of disbursements was only \$4,512,000.

## FRANK CASE ADVANCED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—The supreme court today advanced the Leo M. Frank habeas corpus appeal for oral argument on February 23 in accordance with the request of all counsel.

## Northern California Faces A Bad Storm

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Northern California is in the clutch of what will probably prove to be the heaviest storm of the season. The Sacramento river is rising as a result of the rain. The full force of the storm is expected to strike early tomorrow.

## CHEVERTON IS TO BE NEW BANK EXAMINER

**FORMER CASHIER OF THE PRESCOTT NATIONAL WILL SUCCEED GILLEN WHO RESIGNED**

By Associated Press.

PHOENIX, Feb. 1.—Harold Cheverton, formerly cashier of the Prescott National Bank, will succeed J. J. Gillen as state bank examiner according to well founded rumors about the city today.

State Auditor J. C. Callaghan who has charge of the appointment, could not be seen this afternoon to confirm the report. The bank examiner's work is a department of the auditor's office.

Cheverton was with a large Chicago bank before going to Prescott. Recently he has been in Los Angeles. During his residence in Arizona he was prominent in militia affairs.

Gillen, whom Cheverton succeeds, resigned to become assistant cashier of the Valley bank.

## TRIAL DATE SET FOR ELECTION CORRUPTERS

By Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—Donn Roberts, mayor of Terre Haute, and 26 others will be placed on trial in the United States District Court on March 8th, charged by a federal indictment with conspiracy to corrupt the election last November. Five others of the 115 who were arrested and pleaded not guilty will probably be placed on trial at the same time. The remaining 83 pleaded guilty but have not been sentenced. Judge Anderson overruled the contention of the defense that the indictment was illegal and decided that the government had jurisdiction.

## Double Edge To White Slave Act

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—The federal white slave act was interpreted by the supreme court to authorize the prosecution of the woman involved as a conspirator with the man causing her transportation.

## NEW MOVEMENT SPRINGS UP IN MEXICO

**DIRECTED AGAINST BOTH THE CARRANZA AND VILLA ELEMENTS; OLD REGIME FAVORED**

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Feb. 1.—A movement directed against the Carranza and the Villa elements has been launched by the cientifico party, which supported Diaz and the Huerta regime, according to authentic information. The new movement is said to have received the adherence of many formerly wealthy land owners. It is further declared that the purported peace conference of prominent Mexicans set for February 5th at San Antonio is expected to advance a new plan of government that will oppose both the constitutionalists and conventionists.

## BRITAIN ANXIOUS OVER SAFETY OF SUBJECTS

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—Alarmed for the safety of British subjects in Mexico City, as the result of the reported cutting off by Zapata forces of the city's main water supply, Counsellor Barclay of the British embassy inquired of the state department about conditions there. He was told, that according to the American government's advice the city had sufficient water and there were no reports of violence.

## SILVER FALLING WALL KILLS WORKMEN

By Associated Press.

GRAND RAPIDS, Feb. 1.—Seven workmen employed in clearing the ruins of a factory building destroyed by fire two weeks ago were killed when a wall collapsed, burying them. Dozens were hurt, some seriously. The wall fell during a heavy wind and sleet storm.

## AIRCRAFT OVER DOVER CAUSE CONSTERNATION

**Zeppelins Fired at and Driven Back But London was Badly Scared For Two Hours**

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Five hostile airships were reported over Dover this evening traveling east. They were fired at by the forts and apparently driven away. According to a telephone message they turned, and it is believed sailed back over the English channel without penetrating the inland. The police of London received orders to prepare for a Zeppelin raid. The occupants of houses were instructed to lower blinds, and gas and electric stations were notified to be ready to cut off illumination at a moment's notice.

### Batteries Open Fire.

"The harbor batteries opened fire early tonight while searchlights swept the water. It is believed a German submarine was the cause of the activity," said a Dover dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph.

### London Darkened.

Special orders were issued by the police shortly before eight o'clock tonight which caused all blinds to be whisked down all over London. Reports were spread that the five Zeppelins, sighted over Dover, were presumably making inland and had been fired on by the forts. Parts of the city of London waited for more than two hours with blinds down, but nothing happened. The police stated that the orders were issued by the

war office, but whether because the aircraft were really sighted, or as a rehearsal, it was impossible to ascertain. This flurry served to break the monotony of the news from the battle fronts where none of the armies either in the east or west has been able to deliver a blow sufficient to cause any shift in their alignment.

German submarine attacks on British merchant ships continue the paramount topic of discussion. Predictions are being made that food prices, which already are soaring will go still higher if raids are accomplished.

### SOME COOK.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Frank Seaman Dymoke, the honorable, the king's champion, whose duty at the coronation is to ride in armor into the coronation banquet hall, dismount from a charger, and fling down a gauntlet and challenge to mortal combat any one who denies the king's right to the throne was fined \$4 for assaulting his female cook. The "champion" came home after stopping at four saloons and seized the cook by the throat. The cook routed the "champion" with an umbrella.

### OHIO IN FLOOD.

EVANSVILLE, Feb. 1.—The Ohio river is rising at the rate of 1.5 feet per hour and has reached the 292-foot stage. River men have issued warnings of a probable 40 foot stage.

## DENIES HE OWNS HALF OF THE RAILROADS

**MORGAN, HOWEVER, SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THE ASSERTION MADE WAS TRUE**

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—J. P. Morgan in making his first appearance as spokesman for the vast financial firm of Morgan & Company denied his firm controlled one-half of the railroads of the United States, when testifying before the federal industrial relations commission in its investigation of philanthropic foundations and the causes of the industrial unrest. He said that Samuel Untermyer, of Kuhn, Loeb & Company who told the commission that Morgan virtually controlled half of the railroads, was "certainly wrong." "I should like to think we had control of half of them," he added laughing.

Morgan confessed his ignorance of the labor troubles of corporations of which he is a director. Officers of corporations as executive officials are responsible for labor conditions, he said. He favored the open shop and considered that in labor disputes the employer ought to play the part of a "decent man." The philanthropic foundations have done much good he believed.

When Morgan arrived at the hearing John Mitchell former president of the United Mine Workers of America, but now a member of the New York state workmen's compensation commission was on the stand. Mitchell told of the conditions of miners in Colorado and Pennsylvania and characterized Rockefeller's plan of settling the labor troubles in Colorado as "simply absurd."

### TO CELEBRATE OPENING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—The formal opening of the San Francisco exposition on February 20, will probably be celebrated with ceremonies in the capitol rotunda at which the president is expected to speak. The plan also includes the raising of flags at a telegraphic signal in every state capital and insular possession.

## BLOODSHOT EYE IS USED TO DEFRAUD

**OPTIC INJURED IN ACCIDENT YEARS AGO IS MADE TO DO SERVICE OVER AGAIN**

By Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Joseph H. N. Wilson, played tricks with his bloodshot eye, said to have been injured years ago in Canada, staging a bogus accident and immediately feigning injury and showing the unsightly eye. It is alleged he collected an accident insurance policy of \$10,000 also another similar claim under the name of George A. Bates. He was arrested, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses. He is president of the Los Angeles Building Association.

### SLEET PLAYING HAVOC

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Telegraph and telephone companies are greatly hampered by a sleet storm, extending widely in all directions from Chicago. Railroads are also affected by the storm. There have been many minor injuries in Chicago on account of the slippery streets.

## ENEMIES KILL BROTHER OF CARRANZA

By Associated Press.

LAREDO, Feb. 1.—General Jesus Carranza, brother of the first chief, and a son of Abelardo Ignacio Perdomo, a member of his staff, were executed by General Santibanez, former constitutionalist general who defected to Zapata, according to a telegram to the widow of General Carranza, from the first chief at Vera Cruz. Carranza sent troops to attempt to recover the bodies.

## CASHIER FLITS; SHIP BILL GETS VERY CLOSE TO THE ROCKS

**OFFICIALS WONDER HOW MUCH MONEY REMAINS IN THE VAULTS OF THE BOWIE BANK**

By Associated Press.

PHOENIX, Feb. 1.—G. J. Armstrong, cashier of the Bowie Bank & Trust Company is reported by state officials to have disappeared leaving the safe locked and they are unable to open the safe and ascertain the bank's condition. They state \$200,000 is deposited there. Armstrong is said to have boarded an eastbound train at a small station eight miles east of Bowie.

### MURDER AT EL PASO.

EL PASO, Feb. 1.—Elfigo Baca, a prominent New Mexico politician, is held here on a murder charge in connection with the shooting of Celestino Otero last night. Baca claims that he shot only after Otero had fired a bullet through his clothing.

### GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Closing prices: May wheat, 1.56½; corn, 82½; oats, 61; spot wheat, No. 2, red, reached \$1.58.

## CANADA TO PAY FOR KILLING AMERICANS

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—Under an agreement reached tonight the Canadian government settles the claims growing out of the recent shooting of two American duck hunters by Canadian militiamen by paying \$10,000 to the parents of Walter Smith who was killed, and \$5,000 to Charles Dorsch who was wounded, in addition to legal expenses.

**COMBINATION OF REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS PUTS ADMINISTRATION ON THE DEFENSIVE**

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—Nine democrats in the senate joined in an alliance with the republicans in an unexpected attempt to recommend the government ship purchase bill. The sudden revolt, turned in a twinkling the administration's advantage to a defense, which tonight appeared almost hopeless to many democratic leaders and they were forced to fight for the very life of the proposed measure. The democrats succeeded in adjourning the senate with a motion pending to send the bill back to committee. A party caucus was immediately called for tomorrow morning. At the unexpected crisis a legislative pandemonium resulted such as has not been witnessed in the senate in many years. Democratic senators poured from the cloak rooms to the chamber and the rush from the republican cloakroom was given more immediate, as they had been forewarned.

### Questions Bryan's Veracity.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—An insistent statement by Representative Mann and other republican leaders in the house that the state department is in possession of a note or letter from Great Britain declaring the proposed ship bill allowing the purchase of German and Austrian ships is an unneutral act, brought forth denials from both Majority Leader Underwood and Bryan. Mann said he had no doubt of Underwood's sincerity, but was afraid the state department was not entirely frank with him.

### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—The Montana with six hundred marines has gone to Port au Prince to protect American interests. Conditions are reported quiet and unchanged in the revolutionary situation.

### COPPER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Electrolytic, \$14.75 to \$14.87.